

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please make the following changes in the abstract; the latest version of the abstract appears in the amendment dated January 31, 2008:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The glass ceramic or glass body is decorated with a colorant based on a silicate melt containing a glass flux and from about 1 to 30 percent by weight of a special-effect pigment, which provides a color-flop effect. The color-flop pigment consists of synthetically produced plane-parallel silicon dioxide platelets coated with ~~metal oxides, such as~~ titanium dioxide. The color-flop pigment is preferably a dry free-flowing powder containing 52 - 66 wt.% of SiO₂, 32 - 42 wt.% of TiO₂; 1 - 5 wt.% of SnO₂; and 0 - 3 wt.% of ZrO₂ in which more than 80 % of the coated platelets have a particle size of from 5 to 40 μm. ~~A glass ceramic cooking surface can be decorated with this colorant to provide a decorated glass ceramic cooking surface that withstands high heat loads.~~ The colorant reduces the conspicuousness of scratches and usage marks.